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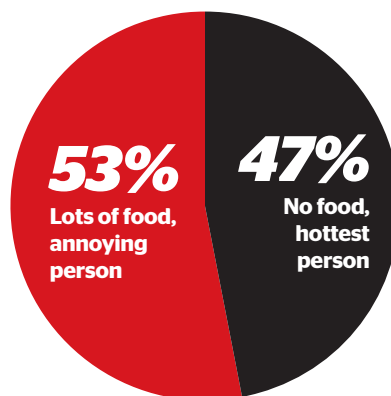
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will be with you—
sometime **16**


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random dilemma

We asked. You responded. Here are the results of Tuesday's random dilemma, in which we asked if you'd rather be stranded on an island with no food and the hottest person alive or lots of food and the most annoying person alive.



Here's another. Which would you rather do? Text "**random**" and the number of your response to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

(1) Get a paper cut OR (2) Get a bad haircut

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To view

See massive text projected on the Museum of Contemporary Art building (220 E. Chicago Ave.) from 8 to 10 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday as part of the museum's Jenny Holzer: Protect Protect exhibit.

To win

Buy an Illinois Lottery Halloween Millionaire Raffle ticket (\$20) before Friday for a chance to win one of four \$1 million prizes or five \$100,000 prizes.

To cook

Enter a recipe using Hunt's tomatoes at **hunts.com** and explain why it's memorable for a chance to win a trip for two for a wine country weekend in Sonoma, Calif.

To mix

Like shredded wheat with raisins or corn flakes with chocolate? Design your own organic cereal to be shipped to you at **meandgoji.com**.

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Few more clouds

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—Jorge Pulido Jr.



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City expecting huge turnout for Obama rally



Chicago Tribune

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's campaign on Tuesday offered online applications

to Illinois supporters to attend an election-night rally in Grant Park, as Chicago officials gave every indication they were bracing for an enormous turnout.

The decision to limit tickets to Illinois residents—at least so far—reflects a desire among campaign officials to pack in a raucous crowd while also limiting the rally's potential for leeching campaign volunteers from voting battlegrounds in Indiana and Wisconsin.

City planners face their own balancing act: a desire to showcase Chicago as inclusive, while also making sure that the presidential candidate and the attendees are safe.

"That night will be a celebration, and we are asking the families and everybody to come together. And of course security is very important whether it's a presidential candidate or any grouping you have for the people," Mayor Daley told reporters. Last week, the city said the south end of Grant Park can hold up to 70,000 people.

On Tuesday, Daley said he expected an overflow crowd of up to a million.

The city canceled days off next Tuesday for Chicago police officers and said it had contracted its former security chief for the 2005 White Sox World Series to coordinate security for election night.

Details are being handled by C3 Presents, the promoters that manage Lollapalooza.

It appears that people attending the rally will need to pass through metal detectors to gain entry, similar to going through security at the airport. The Obama campaign's invitation required photo IDs and prohibited bags, signs, banners, chairs and strollers.

The electronic invitation for next week's rally, sent exclusively to Illinois supporters, says gates will open at 8:30 p.m., well after the end of the downtown rush hour. After providing a Web address for ticket applications, the invitation states that "an official printed ticket is required for entrance" and that each ticket will be valid for two people.

Printable tickets will be e-mailed to supporters prior to the event.



Mourners on Tuesday continue to leave flowers, balloons and stuffed animals in tribute to the three slain members of the Hudson family at their South Side home. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE

Searching for answers

More than one person may have been involved in murders, sources say

Chicago Tribune

While Chicago police have only one known suspect in the murders of three relatives of actress Jennifer Hudson, some evidence suggests that more than one person may have been involved, law enforcement sources said Tuesday.

Investigators have focused on suspect William Balfour's movements on Friday, the day of the murders, as well as his conflicts with his estranged wife, Julia Hudson, and other members of the family. They are trying to determine whether another person drove Balfour to the West Side following the murders at the Hudson's South Side home, sources said.

Witnesses said Balfour drove his teal-colored Chrysler to the Hudsons' block Friday, arriving around 7 a.m. But later in the day, the vehicle was discovered by police parked about a mile away outside Robeson High School. Balfour's girlfriend allegedly told police that he was at her West Side

DETAILS EMERGE

As detectives continued searching for answers, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office released autopsy results Tuesday showing Julian King died from multiple gunshot wounds.

» Also on Tuesday, new details emerged about Balfour's criminal and personal history.

home not long after the murders of Hudson's mother, Darnell Donerson, and the Oscar-winning actress' brother, Jason Hudson at their Englewood home, sources said.

The body of Hudson's 7-year-old nephew, Julian King, was discovered Monday morning in the back of Jason Hudson's Chevy Suburban, parked on a West Side street.

Balfour has not been charged in connection with the murders, but he is being held on a parole violation after he was arrested and questioned in the case over the weekend.

Security video at the South Side high school showed someone parking the Chrysler on Friday, but investigators have not been able to determine the person's identity from the images, the sources said.

A time stamp on the video showed the car was left there at 12:30 p.m. Friday, but it was unclear whether the stamp was accurate, sources said.

Meanwhile, cell phone records placed Balfour on the West Side at that hour, sources said. If the time stamp is accurate, it would suggest another person may have driven the Chrysler from the Hudson home to Robeson, sources said. In any event, Balfour did not use his own car to travel from the Hudson's Englewood house to his girlfriend's home near 19th Street and Spaulding Avenue on the West Side, police said.

Last June, while on parole for a 1999 attempted murder conviction, Balfour was arrested for possession of cocaine. According to court records, Balfour was stopped by officers after he got out of a vehicle that had turned a corner at a high rate of speed in an area where police were investigating calls of shots fired. Police found drugs in the car Balfour was driving. The Illinois Department of Corrections was contacted about the new drug charges because he was on parole, but the agency decided not to revoke his parole and return him to prison, according to the records.



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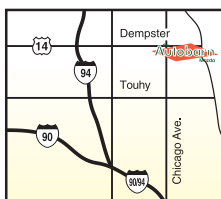
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OVERHEARD ON TWITTER
ms_genevieve:
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FROM THE BLOG

Let me tell you what happened to one of our operators yesterday. Someone [defecated] on his bus. That's right, someone left a pile of [feces] on a piece of newspaper. And people wonder why bus operators have attitudes!!!!

—Posted by
Unknown Bus Driver on Oct. 24 at redye.chicago.com/ctablog

Riders take it out on mass transit

In the mood for a mass transit meet-up?

On Tuesday, "Going Public" columnist Kyra Kyles encouraged riders to attend and speak up at Wednesday's CTA public hearing on the 2009 budget. Among the budget bulletin points: raising fares to as high as \$2.25 and hiking CTA monthly passes to \$90 from \$75. And now, on to other transit topics:

Bus-ted South Side service

For the most part I understand the trials and tribulations of serving the public. You'll never be able to get it right and please everybody all at once so I am accepting of a lot of inconsistencies with them. However, after numerous days of waiting for a bus to have several drive past because they are completely full to capacity is absurd.

I ride either the No. 34-Michigan or No. 119-Western buses going toward the Red Line 95th [Street] station every weekday morning, and every morning for the past few weeks I have been late because the buses on this route are extremely overcrowded. Could it be because both of these buses, for some reason, run in packs? There are usually two to three all at once then nothing for 6 to 10 minutes.

These routes are extremely popular with teenagers because there are a number of high schools in the neighborhood. The summer was fine when school was out, but now that school is back in session, the buses on this route are overflowing with passengers.

ANNETTE SIMMONS, 31, ROSELAND

Bad experiences

I have had some of the worst experiences riding the CTA. Just about anything you can think of has happened to me and my family.

Once, I was exiting at the back of a No. 3-King Drive with my children. The bus driver wasn't paying attention and almost ran over my son. Everyone on the bus—including me—had to scream for the bus driver to stop. He didn't even apologize.

[On Oct. 17], my family and I were riding the No. 1-Indiana/Hyde Park on our way home. When we got off of the bus, my kids told the bus driver "bye." She said to them: "I'm not telling you 'bye,' because you all are bad." Somehow I was able to stay calm, and politely inform her not to call my kids bad ever in life.

Someone from the CTA is always telling the public all they have to do is call, and file a complaint when something happens. What they don't tell you is that you are not going to get a follow-up call, no action will be taken and the information that you request be put in the report is not.

That is the reason why these operators say and do whatever they want.

DANNIELLE JENKINS, 29, WEST HYDE PARK



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VOTER'S GUIDE



FOREIGN POLICY

The war hero vs. the globalist. McCain believes the U.S. needs to project its power for good in the world. Obama puts a premium on diplomacy.

IRAQ

Obama: Opposed war from the first, and opposed last year's surge as well. Pledges to complete withdrawal of combat troops within 16 months.

McCain: Backed invasion and surge, but was initially critical of the way the Bush Administration conducted the occupation. Has said he would "never surrender" in Iraq even if it meant keeping American troops in that country for decades, but envisions victory and a return of most U.S. troops by January 2013.

AFGHANISTAN

Obama: Wants to shift 7,000 troops from Iraq to Afghanistan and has threatened to launch cross-border attacks against terrorist hideouts in neighboring Pakistan if the government there does not act itself.

McCain: Favors unspecified boost in U.S. forces.

IRAN

Obama: Would stress diplomacy to pressure Tehran to stand down from its nuclear ambitions. Believes U.S. leverage to rally international support would be enhanced by direct contact with Tehran leaders, though has backed off an earlier pledge to personally meet Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad without preconditions.

McCain: Opposes contact with Ahmadinejad while pushing for tougher international sanctions against Iran.



Ahmadinejad
AP

WHERE DO THEY STAND?

With all of the noise generated by the presidential campaign, it can be hard to keep track of the real issues. With less than one week to go until Election Day, here's a look at where Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama stand on the issues. TRIBUNE, AP

THE ECONOMY

Both backed the just passed \$700 billion financial bailout plan as a necessary evil, but assume more traditional party lines when it comes to economic management. The Democrat is a more enthusiastic advocate of government intervention, while the Republican would take a lighter touch.

TRADE

Obama: Wants the North American Free Trade Agreement and other trade pacts renegotiated to impose tougher environmental and labor standards.

McCain: Strong advocate of eliminating trade barriers. Would eliminate tariffs that prop up domestic ethanol prices by restricting imports of cheap Brazilian ethanol.

MORTGAGE CRISIS

Obama: Wants 90-day freeze on foreclosures, and elimination of rules that bar bankruptcy judges from revamping the terms of most home mortgage loans. Also wants more government guarantees to stressed financial institutions to free up credit.

McCain: Would dedicate nearly half of financial bailout proceeds to the purchase by the government of bad mortgages, which would then be renegotiated at easier terms for distressed homeowners.

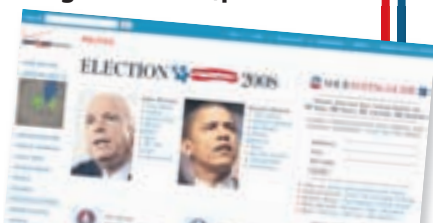
PUMP PRIMING

Obama: \$60 billion stimulus plan includes business tax credit of \$3,000 for each new domestic job created, \$5 billion in additional small business loans and renewal of tax breaks for small business investment.

McCain: \$52 billion stimulus plan centered on tax relief measures that would lower the capital gains tax, ease penalties on seniors withdrawing money from retirement accounts, increase write-offs for stock losses and eliminate taxes on unemployment benefits.

MORE ONLINE

In addition to the presidential race, there are many local races up for grabs on Tuesday. You can create a ballot based on your address, compare candidates and find out where and how to vote at chicagotribune.com/politics.





★ ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Obama and McCain both rate energy conservation and domestic production a top priority, but the agreement largely ends there. “Drill, baby, drill” is the unofficial slogan of McCain’s campaign, while Obama is a cheerleader for ethanol, a bonanza for Illinois farmers.

ALTERNATIVES

Obama: Proposes a 10-year, \$150 billion program to develop alternative power sources such as wind, solar and fuel cells.
McCain: Would stoke innovation with a \$300 million prize for the entrepreneur who can develop the most efficient and cheapest battery for electric and hybrid cars.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Obama: Mandatory reductions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. Would force industry to cut air pollutants but favors steeper cuts than McCain. Wants to double mileage standards in two decades, requiring passenger car fleets to average 55 m.p.g.
McCain: Mandatory reductions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by 60 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. Also wants to toughen mileage standards for vehicles, but has

not specified a target.

NUCLEAR POWER

Obama: Lukewarm about building new nuclear power plants, though doesn’t rule it out.
McCain: Favors subsidies to build nuclear power plants.

OIL DRILLING

Obama: Opposes drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Favors limited new drilling along coastlines in the Lower 48 states.
McCain: Opposes drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Strongly backs removal of drilling restrictions in coastal waters off the East, West and Gulf Coasts.

CLEAN COAL

Obama: Strong support for perfecting clean-coal technologies, but might ban new coal plants unless outfitted to block greenhouse gas emissions.
McCain: Clean coal technologies also high on his to-do list, but says construction of new coal-fired plants should not be put on hold until the technologies are proven.

★ HEALTH CARE

A sharp divide exists over how to fix the nation’s ailing health-care system. Obama wants the government to be more involved in lowering medical costs and extending insurance coverage. McCain favors market-driven solutions and wants consumers to take more responsibility for health-care choices.

ALTERNATIVES

Obama: Aims for universal coverage by requiring larger employers to share costs of insuring workers and by offering coverage similar to that in plan for federal employees. Gives subsidies to low-income citizens who buy insurance. Estimated 10-year cost: \$1.6 trillion.
McCain: Would give families a yearly \$5,000 tax credit (\$2,500 for an individual) for health-care coverage. Requires people to pay income tax on the value of employer-provided health insurance. Allows consumers to purchase coverage across state lines. Estimated 10-year cost: \$1.3 trillion.



THE UNINSURED

Obama: Would require that all children be covered and expand Medicaid.
McCain: Opposes expansions of public programs. Directs more money to state programs that let people without insurance purchase coverage.

★ OTHER ISSUES

TAX CUTS

Obama: The nation’s wealthiest with incomes over \$250,000 would be in for tax hikes, but most Bush-era tax cuts set to expire in 2010 would be left in place for everybody else. Nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates tax break of \$1,118 for the middle 20 percent of taxpayers—those making \$37,600 to \$66,400.
McCain: Make permanent virtually all Bush-era tax cuts, halve capital gains rate from 15 percent to 7.5 percent and reduce corporate tax rate over time from 35 percent to 25 percent. Tax Policy Center estimates tax break of \$325 for the middle 20 percent of taxpayers.

EDUCATION

Obama: \$18 billion plan to expand early childhood education, recruit and financially reward better teachers, after-school programs and charter schools. Revamp No Child Left Behind to offer more help to poorly performing schools and encourage subjects like music and art. Financial incentives for districts that tie pay increases to teacher performance.
McCain: Believes federal school support should be linked to school choice, giving parents the flexibility to move their children from failing to better schools. Would increase spending for after-school tutoring programs and community colleges. Wants better coordination of existing federal early childhood programs, not an expansion.

ABORTION

Obama: Favors abortion rights, but says support for preserving Roe vs. Wade would not be a litmus test for Supreme Court picks.
McCain: Would seek to overturn Roe but not back a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. Rejects abortion litmus test for Supreme Court picks, but also vows to pick judges who would not “legislate from the bench.”

IMMIGRATION

Obama: Supported McCain-sponsored legislation that would have allowed many illegal immigrants to legally remain in the U.S. after paying fines and back taxes and learning English. Backed border fence.
McCain: Now says he would not have voted for the immigration package he sponsored and insists the border must be secured before other reforms are put in place.

GUN CONTROL

Obama: Supported tighter gun laws and ban on assault weapons as Illinois lawmaker. In U.S. Senate, opposed shielding gun-makers and dealers from civil liability for firearm violence. Backs mandatory gun locks and restrictions on purchases of weapons and ammunition at gun shows.
McCain: Says he opposes gun control. Voted against assault weapons ban and for granting a shield from civil suits to gun-makers and dealers. Favored background checks at gun shows.

GAY MARRIAGE

Obama: Opposes constitutional amendment to ban it. Supports civil unions, says states should decide about marriage. Switched positions in 2004 and now supports repeal of Defense of Marriage Act, which denies federal recognition of same-sex marriages and gives states the right to refuse to recognize such marriages.
McCain: Opposes constitutional amendment to ban it. Says same-sex couples should be allowed to enter into legal agreements for insurance and similar benefits, and states should decide about marriage. Supports the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

HEAD TO HEAD

You've watched the debates. You've heard the candidates' platforms. You know where they stand on the issues. Now it's time to look at the people behind the candidates—their hopes, their dreams ... their hair. RedEye's here to help.



JOE BIDEN

Something's in the hair:
Admit it: This is the stateliest hair you've seen since Thomas Jefferson.

Theme song:
Theme from "The Office"

My life in pictures:
"Rocky"

If I lose, I'll ... Keep talking. I mean, I've got things to say, and say them I will ...

What I'd bring to a deserted island: A kitchen table



BARACK OBAMA

Something's in the hair:
Yeah, I know, it's getting gray up there. Have you seen the other guys?

Theme song:
"A Change Would Do You Good," Sheryl Crow

My life in pictures:
"Hoop Dreams"

If I lose, I'll ...
Write another book. That's where the real money is.

What I'd bring to a deserted island:
A basketball



JOHN MCCAIN

Something's in the hair:
I've got the white stuff.

Theme song:
"Old Time Rock & Roll," Bob Seger

My life in pictures:
"Good Morning, Vietnam"

If I lose, I'll ...
See if I can get a job at Joe the Plumber's company.

What I'd bring to a deserted island: My wife. She's rich, and I think she knows how to work the GPS.



SARAH PALIN

Something's in the hair:
Let's face it. This here 'do is the mane event in this race.

Theme song:
"Miss Independent," Ne-Yo

My life in pictures:
"From Russia, with Love"

If I lose, I'll ...
Become a Tina Fey impersonator.

What I'd bring to a deserted island: A bridge to somewhere. That'd get me off that place in a jiffy!

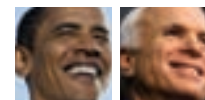


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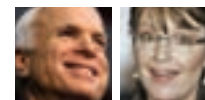


Barack Obama and John McCain are fans of Undecided Voters.

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Joe Biden has posted a **video** of **Scrantoncity**. 11 minutes ago — Comment
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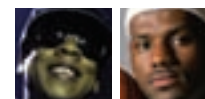
John McCain and Sarah Palin have joined the group "**Pro-America Parts of America, Unite.**"

15 minutes ago — Comment



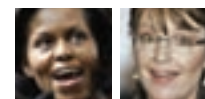
Karl Rove has sent you a "**Liberals suck!**" wave request.

17 minutes ago — Comment



Jay-Z and LeBron James **poked** **Barack Obama**.

20 minutes ago — Comment



Michelle Obama and Sarah Palin have joined the group **Addicted to Designer Clothing**.

23 minutes ago — Comment

John McCain and George W. Bush are no longer friends. 39 minutes ago — Comment



George W. Bush wrote on **John McCain's** wall:

"Good luck with this here election, Johnny. *Que sera, sera*, as they say.

Quick question for ya: Do you or Sarah know a good costume designer? I'm gonna be a taco for Halloween, and Laura's gonna go as a bell. Get it??? ROFLMAO" 40 minutes ago — Comment

WORDS BE GONE

Every campaign has its buzzwords, and we're officially tired of them. Here's a look at the words and phrases RedEye will be glad to take a break from after Election Day.

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Bessie Burton leaves King Community Center on Tuesday after voting early. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**



THE TWITTER VOTE

Some of RedEye's Twitter followers voted early. Here's what they had to say. Support RedEye's campaign at twitter.com/redeye_chicago.

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I voted last week in under a half hour. If you go at an off time, it's faster than ordering a soy chai latte at Starbucks.

elizardsong

very long line with an auditorium of ppl waiting.... Im doing my homework while i wait :(

gordondym

according to coworker in N. Loop, 30 minute wait, but voting went quickly.

Weis talks about battling drugs

In a wide-ranging speech Tuesday, Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis questioned the success of the war on drugs strategy and suggested looking at more creative ways to address the nation's narcotics problem. "Is it really working?" said Weis, speaking at a City Club of Chicago luncheon. Weis said he plans to combat the increase in crime by targeting gangs that cause the most violence, and he also raised the possibility of realigning city district beats for the first time since 1978.

Bank robbery suspects arrested

Two suspected bank robbers were arrested Tuesday during a heist at a far South Side bank. The robbery occurred around 9:15 a.m. inside a Charter One Bank branch at 103rd Street and Vincennes Avenue, authorities said. A shot was fired inside the bank, but there were no reports of injuries.

Woman's body found in Gage Park

The body of a woman was found in the 5400 block of South Western Avenue in Gage Park, according to preliminary police reports. Police found the unidentified woman, who was thought to be in her 40s, partially clothed and unresponsive at about 12:40 Tuesday morning, a police spokesman said.

Police kill man in Humboldt Park

A man involved in a foot chase with gang unit officers through a Humboldt Park alley Monday night was shot dead by police after a struggle, authorities said Tuesday. The man was identified as Larnester Hull, 34, of Bellwood, a Cook County medical examiner's spokesman said.

McChanges

McDonald's said Tuesday it's moving toward replacing its hallmark dollar menu product, the double cheeseburger, with a new burger called the McDouble, essentially the double cheeseburger, but with one slice of cheese. Though the decision is not yet final, the recommended price of the double cheeseburger—the one with two cheese slices—would increase to \$1.19.

Peterson on 'Today'

Drew Peterson, the former Bolingbrook police sergeant whose fourth wife Stacy disappeared one year ago, reiterated his belief that she left voluntarily and said, "Show yourself. Put an end to this nightmare." Peterson, who has been named a suspect in the disappearance, appeared on "Today" on Tuesday—the anniversary of her disappearance.

Lines surge for ballots

Early voters descend on polls in Chicago, suburbs

Chicago Tribune

Xenia Powell was among more than a hundred people who crushed themselves into the basement of a South Side community center this week with the idea of voting early to avoid long lines on Election Day.

"Wow," said Powell when she joined the back of the line that snaked its way from inside the large basement voting room and down two hallways in the King Community Center. The history teacher at a South Side charter school settled in to wait another 45 minutes before voting.

"It's never taken me this long to vote before, even when I voted on Election Day, but it's fine," she said.

"I want to show my students I early-voted. So I'm here for the long haul."

Powell is among more than 540,000 voters in the city and suburbs who so far have jammed into 150 different libraries, office buildings and fieldhouses serving as early voting polling places.

By the time early voting is over on Thursday, an estimated

697,000 people are expected to have cast ballots before Election Day.

"Each day seems to break a record," Cook County Clerk David Orr said. "This is the most intense presidential election I've ever seen. People are willing to stand and wait. They're just so intent on it."

Orr said more than 10,000 people have voted in Orland Park, while another 8,500 have made their way to the polls in Wheeling.

"This is just incredible," said Lance Gough, executive director of the city's elections board. "The numbers are off the charts."

All told, city and suburban election officials estimate that this time out, early voting totals will have tripled since it began in March 2006.

The major increase in early voting isn't completely a surprise—this is the first early voting for a presidential general election, and the Democratic nominee is Illinois Sen. Barack Obama.

Indeed, lines at the city's 51 early voting stations have exceeded an hour in some precincts where new registrations have rocketed to record levels.

Good news, bad news at O'Hare-area pilot fair

Some arrived in Chicago by plane Tuesday, while others rode aboard buses. But they all had the same goal: landing jobs as pilots.

For the less experienced who attended a pilot job fair, the timing could hardly have been worse. Thousands of pilots are on furlough as the airline industry continues to downsize. Mirroring the economy, aviation

business may not have bottomed yet.

But the prospects were much brighter for others who attended the job fair and aviation conference at a hotel near O'Hare.

Officials from a recruiting firm representing Air India were kept busy talking to veteran American pilots looking for stability and high wages, both currently lacking in the U.S.

market.

Captains up to age 62 were told they could earn up to \$185,000 in their first year.

At the other end of the spectrum were regional airlines. Most were not actively recruiting but rather collecting résumés in the hope that pilot hiring freezes are lifted sometime next year.

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Festival of lights

1 Bonfires are lit Tuesday in front of the Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri, India, as part of a local Diwali celebration. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights. **AP PHOTO**

Family doubts plot

2 The family of one of two suspects accused of plotting to decapitate black people and assassinate Barack Obama said Tuesday the teen disliked blacks and considered himself part of a "master race," but they doubted the plot was serious.

Palin: Stevens should resign

3 Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin said Tuesday that Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens should resign after being convicted Monday. Earlier, Republican presidential candidate John McCain called for Stevens to quit.

Ex-mayor sentenced

4 Kwame Kilpatrick was sent to jail for four months Tuesday for his part in a sex-and-text scandal and the judge chastised the disgraced ex-mayor for arrogance and disregard for the rule of law.

I'm a PC and I have a problem

5 An anti-piracy tactic by Microsoft that turns some computer users' screens black has set off a wave of indignation among Chinese consumers, posing renewed problems for the software maker in the country.

Road rage over driving plan

6 Vietnam is considering banning small-chested drivers from its roads—a proposal that has provoked widespread disbelief. The Ministry of Health in Hanoi said it is trying to ensure that drivers are in good health.



But it's only October!

7 **TOBYHANNA, Pa.** Charlene Sylvia shovels snow in her driveway Tuesday after the first big snowstorm of the season hit the Northeast. Tobyhanna had 8 inches on the ground before noon. This is the same storm responsible for postponing the World Series in Philadelphia. **AP PHOTO**

Ahhhh-choo!! I caught a cold from my TV remote control

Someone in your house have the sniffles? Watch out for the refrigerator door handle. The TV remote, too. A new study finds that cold sufferers often leave their germs there, where they can live for two days or longer.

Scientists at the University of Virginia, long known for its virology research, tested surfaces in the homes of people with colds and reported the results Tuesday at the nation's premier conference on infectious diseases.

Doctors don't know how often people

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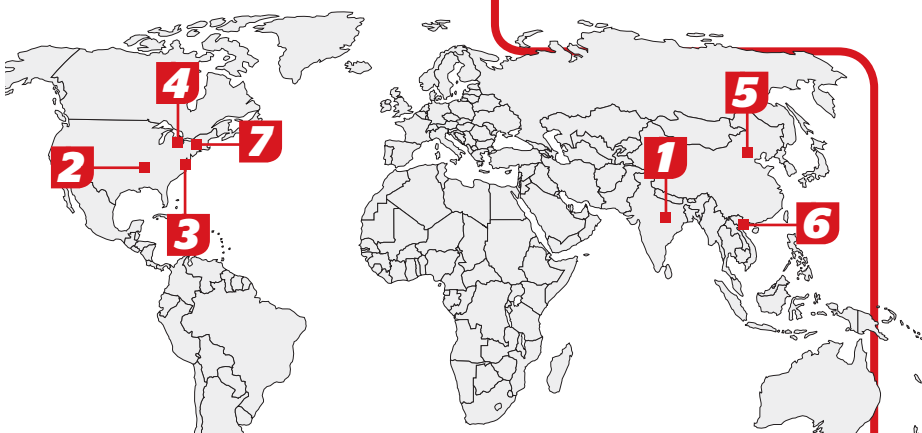
All three of the salt and pepper shakers tested were contaminated. Other spots found to harbor germs: 6 out of 18 doorknobs; 8 of 14 refrigerator handles; 3 of 13 light switches; 6 of 10 remote controls; 8 of 10 bathroom faucets; 4 of 7 phones, and 3 of 4 dishwasher handles.

catch colds from touching germy surfaces as opposed to, say, shaking a sick person's hand, said Dr. Birgit Winther, an ear, nose and throat specialist who helped conduct

the study.

Two years ago, she and other doctors showed that germs survived in hotel rooms a day after guests left, waiting to be picked up by the next person checking in.

For the new study, researchers started with 30 adults showing early symptoms of colds. Sixteen tested positive for rhinovirus, which causes about half of all colds. They were asked to name 10 places in their homes they had touched in the preceding 18 hours, and researchers used DNA tests to hunt for rhinovirus.



Toilet trouble

Japan's disaster prevention panel said hundreds of thousands of people would be unable to find a toilet if a major earthquake were to hit Tokyo on a weekday at noon. Here are some numbers on the subject:

7.3

Magnitude of simulated quake

12 million

People that would spill out of their offices and be forced to walk home

2 hours

Simulation assumes each person needs a bathroom break once every 2 hours

810,000

People that would be desperately looking for a toilet within hours of the quake

17 hours: Time some might have to wait before finding a toilet

90% Likelihood of Tokyo being hit by a major quake over the next 50 years

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Suspension rules

The Major League Baseball rule governing suspended games:

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Rule 4.12 SUSPENDED GAMES

(c) A suspended game shall be resumed at the exact point of suspension of the original game. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game. The lineup and batting order of both teams shall be exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing substitution. Any player may be replaced by a player who had not been in the game prior to the suspension. No player removed before the suspension may be returned to the lineup. A player who was not with the club when the game was suspended may be used as a substitute, even if he has taken the place of a player no longer with the club who would not have been eligible because he had been removed from the lineup before the game was suspended.

1980-2006

Rule 4.11 (d)

A called game ends the moment the umpire terminates play. EXCEPTION: If the game is

called during an uncompleted inning, the game becomes a SUSPENDED game in each of the following situations:

- (1) The visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score and the home team has not scored.
- (2) The visiting team has scored one or more runs to take the lead and the home team has not tied the score or retaken the lead.

PRIOR TO 1980

Rule 4.11 (d)

A called game ends the moment the umpire terminates play. EXCEPTION: If the game is called during an uncompleted inning, the game ends at the end of the last previous completed inning in each of the following situations:

- (1) The visiting team scores one or more runs to tie the score in the uncompleted inning, and the home team does not score.
- (2) The visiting team scores one or more runs to take the lead in the uncompleted inning, and the home team does not score or retake the lead.

Foul weather plays?

The decision to allow World Series Game 5 to continue even as weather conditions deteriorated is not the first time controversy has clouded a postseason baseball game. Here are a few other memorable—and for some, unforgettable—moments in baseball playoff history.

1996

American League Championship Series, Game 1, New York Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles

Twelve-year-old Jeffrey Maier interferes with a ball hit toward the right-field fence. It is ruled a home run, allowing the Yankees to tie the game, although Maier clearly reached over the wall into the field of play.

2003

National League Championship Series, Game 6, Cubs vs. Marlins

In a play that is etched into Cubs' fans' memories, fan Steve Bartman tries to catch a foul ball along the left-field

line. The problem is, Moises Alou also was trying to catch the ball and put the Cubs four outs away from the World Series. He does not, and the Cubs go on to lose the game and the series.

2005

American League Championship Series, Game 2, White Sox vs. Anaheim Angels

White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski strikes out swinging with two out in the bottom of the ninth and the Angels ahead. Pierzynski, however, ran to first because he thought the ball bounced in the dirt and the catcher did not tag him out. The home plate umpire rules Pierzynski is safe. Joe

Crede goes on to drive in the winning run and the Sox eventually win the ALCS and the World Series.

2008

World Series, Game 4, Philadelphia Phillies vs. Tampa Bay Rays

The Phillies scored in the first inning of Game 4 on Sunday night after Jimmy Rollins scampered safely back to third during a rundown. But TV replays showed he was tagged on the backside by Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria and should have been called out by Tim Welke. "He's seen the replay. He knows he missed it," Mike Port, Major League Baseball's vice president for umpiring, said Monday. **AP CONTRIBUTED.**

Fifth sense?



Tampa Bay's B.J. Upton tries to keep his hands warm between pitches during Monday's frigid Game 5 at Philadelphia. The game eventually was suspended due to the weather. MCT

Amid second-guessing, more rain bumps completion of World Series Game 5 to Wednesday

Associated Press

In the middle of all this World Series chaos, Joe Maddon sounded rather calm.

Bumped to a hotel in Delaware until Game 5 resumes Wednesday night—if the weather cooperates—the Tampa Bay manager and his young team rode out the storm together.

“I referred to it as kind of like getting snowed in, if I could go back to my roots,” said Maddon, raised in nearby Hazleton, Pa.

Rain put the Series on hold Monday night, with the Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays suspended in the sixth inning with the score 2-2.

More rain and possible snow showers were expected Tuesday, so commissioner Bud Selig said Game 5 was tentatively set to resume at 7:37 p.m. Wednesday night.

Selig said there was no way to resume play Tuesday.

“While obviously we want to finish Game 5 as soon as possible, the forecast for [Tuesday] does not allow for us to continue the game this evening,” he said.

The forecast for Wednesday called for clearing skies by the early afternoon, with temperatures in the upper 30s by night.

“We get to bat four times, they get to bat three. We get 12 outs, they get nine,” Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. “We are definitely coming with the mind-set that we are going to win that game.”

The Phillies lead the Series 3-1, needing one more win for their first championship since 1980. There has never been a rain-shortened game in Series history, and this was the first suspension.

“We’ll stay here if we have to celebrate Thanksgiving here,” Selig said Monday night when the suspension was announced.

By the time Carlos Pena hit a tying, two-out single in the sixth for the Rays, every pitch and every hit had become an adventure.

“It was terrible. The field wasn’t bad, but it was the worst conditions I’ve ever played in,” Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria said.

A puddle formed on home plate, and umpire Jeff Kellogg resorted to using a towel rather than the usual whisk broom to wipe it clean.

Batters kept blinking back the rain drops, and pitchers struggled with their footing. Strong gusts dropped the wind-chill factor into the 30s, and fielders covered their bare hands between pitches.



Commissioner Bud Selig (left) talks with umpires Tom Hallion (right) and Tim Welke on Monday before a news conference to announce the postponement of Game 5 of the World Series. **MCT**



“The infield was tough. The ball would do funny things. It was in bad shape. It was not playable.”

CHASE UTLEY
Phillies second baseman on Monday’s game

All-Star shortstop Jimmy Rollins of the Phillies chased a popup all over and dropped it for a tough error in the fifth. There were pools of water at every base, and the Phillie Phanatic wore a rain slicker for his routine.

Whenever this one resumes, it will pick up where it left off, with the Phillies about to bat in the bottom of the sixth.

If Pena had not tied it, Selig said he would not have let the Phillies win with a game that was called after six innings.

“It’s not a way to end a World Series,” he said. “I would not have allowed a World Series to end this way.”

Because it was only lightly raining when the game started, MLB hoped it could play a full nine innings.

By the middle innings, the grounds crew was running shuttles onto the field, carrying bags of a drying agent to absorb the water.

No luck.

“A lot of guys couldn’t believe we were still playing,” Rays shortstop Jason Bartlett said.

“You couldn’t do anything you normally do out there,” Rays outfielder Carl Crawford said.

Building the perfect NBA fantasy team

November is nearly upon us—meaning that the interminable winter and the even more interminable NBA season are just around the corner.

Hope may not quite spring eternal for Bulls fans considering the coach has less executive experience than Sarah Palin, there’s no true center and plenty of injury questions, but that’s what fantasy is for—if your home team sucks, make your own.

Here are a few fantasy NBA draft tips:

Chris Paul rules

Natural instinct may lead you to pick Kobe or LeBron with the first two picks of the draft, but Chris Paul should be your No. 1. Last year, he averaged 21.1 points and four boards, led the NBA in steals and assists, and did everything besides restore New Orleans to its pre-Katrina glory. And remember, he’s only 23. And he has two first names. Get him. Now.

It’s not 2003 anymore

Remember when President Bush was popular, Martha Stewart had a clean criminal record and Shaquille O’Neal was the best player in the league? Me neither.

So avoid drafting aging big-name players who were good five years ago but now coast on reputation.

Shaq Daddy, Grant Hill, Jason Kidd, yep, I’m talking about you guys.

Yao-ling with pain

It is tempting to pick 7-foot-6 Yao Ming early considering his skills and stats. The big man racked up 22 points, 10.8 rebounds and two blocks a game last year. The problem is he played in only 55 games and is coming off a stress fracture in his foot. Yikes.

Don’t be surprised if Yao misses more games this season and considers retirement after Billy Crystal hands him a script for “My Giant 2.”

Bonus NFL tip

After being thoroughly confused with the team’s safety that also is named Roy Williams, the new Cowboys wideout is now known as Roy “E.” Williams. Here’s a tip, never start a guy in fantasy who has to be the one to change his name. Do you think Terrell Owens would have done the same thing? No way. It also doesn’t help that the nearly mummified Brad Johnson is throwing to Williams.

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To be continued ...

If Five on Five had to be suspended because of rain a la the World Series, who would cover us with a tarp?



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1 What would be unique about a World Series victory parade in Philadelphia?

The replacement of the traditional shower of confetti with a shower of spit.

Tom Hanks tragically dies at the end.

Instead of cheering, fans would boo. It's just comes naturally, like breathing.

They'd invite Rays fans too—it is the City of Brotherly Love, after all.

Instead of confetti, cheesesteaks and double-A batteries may fall from the sky.

2 Time to solve the mystery of what the Phillies' mascot is. Your theory?

I think it's Jose Canseco. Steroids are a hell of a drug.

Lenny Dykstra after years of massive amounts of chewing tobacco.

Jimmy, with hair.



Clearly, the Phillies kidnapped one of the Muppets.

Gonzo's—of "The Muppet Show"—chubby and ambiguously gay dad.

3 How can you tell the Bulls' season has started.

You hear about headband controversies that don't involve Richard Simmons.

You sense high expectations in the air. Although with Jo Noah around, everything feels high.

Drew Gooden's beard has been holding its own news conferences.

The United Center has 10 cars in the lot, instead of the five there for the Hawks.

I have the sudden itch to pet Joakim Noah's pony-like mane.

4 The Oklahoma City Thunder is now an NBA team. How does that strike you?

It strikes me as a slap in the face for Seattle fans.

The World Series teams are named after horses and light beams, so I'd say it's mediocre.

How does Oklahoma City get a real NBA team before Chicago?

I hate to rain on their parade, but thunder's no threat—lightning is.

Shoulda went with the Oklahoma City Oppressive Humidity.

5 How would you handle a verbal smackdown from Mike Singletary?

By standing up to him like a man ... using Brian as a human shield.

Call up Bill Walsh and ask for advice.

Like any man ... by assuming the fetal position in the corner and playing dead.

I'd poke him in the tummy. I bet he's ticklish.

One stern look from Samurai Mike is all it would take for me to burst into tears.

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Rosy start

The Derrick Rose era begins with a big win

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The Bulls were well-versed in off-the-charts expectations long before Derrick Rose arrived as the can't-miss kid.

Picked by many to contend for last season's Eastern Conference championship, those expectations crushed a team's previously selfless spirit and cost Scott Skiles and Jim Boylan their jobs.

On Tuesday night, with Skiles and Boylan looking on from the Bucks' bench and Vinny Del Negro making his debut as Bulls boss, Rose began his journey toward trying to reach massive expectations.

All-Star careers aren't fashioned from one game, and NBA seasons are a lengthy grind. Nevertheless, the Bulls gladly will take their 108-95 triumph before a United Center sellout of 21,762, many of whom will brag they saw Rose's debut.

Despite spending time on the bench icing his right thigh after taking a Richard Jefferson knee in the first quarter, Rose finished with 11 points and nine assists in 32 minutes.

The Simeon product received a standing ovation during player introductions, committed a turnover on the opening possession and drew gasps from the crowd with fast-break moves on Jefferson and later on an alley-oop to Tyrus Thomas for a dunk.

"I'm blessed to be in this position," Rose said.

For all the buzz surrounding Rose, the game started to turn late in the third quarter when the longtime core of Luol Deng, Ben Gordon, Kirk Hinrich and Andres Nocioni joined Joakim Noah to engineer a 15-4 run.

Deng's 21 points led the Bulls. Gordon scored 15 of his 18 points in the second half.



Derrick Rose, the Bulls' first-round draft pick, drives against Milwaukee's Andrew Bogut on Tuesday during the fourth quarter of Chicago's season-opening win. SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE



I fess up, there's a lot about the Bulls I'm jealous about. OK, just three things. Even with an impeccable coat of fur such as mine, I still marvel at coach Vinny Del Negro's slick 'do, Joakim Noah's flowing locks and Drew Gooden's crazy beard. But whose hair—facial or otherwise—is best? Text “**hair**” and the number of your answer to **47383**. I'll text ya back the results instantly.

1. Vinny Del Negro 2. Joakim Noah 3. Drew Gooden

GOT THE MESSAGE

On Tuesday, Whizzer asked RedEye sports fans how the Bulls will be this year. Want to send Whizzer your thoughts? Just text “**whiz**” and your message to **47383** or e-mail him at redeyesports@tribune.com.

“They are going to struggle this year but should be exciting.”

“Yeah I think the Bulls will do better, but Derrick Rose cant do it on his own, the vets have to back him up.”



watch dog

WHIZZER
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Wednesday night's TV highlights offer polar opposites in the sports world.

World Series Game 5 resumes, and it'll provide drama as the Rays try to stave off elimination—and they only have four innings to do it.

Meanwhile, first-week action continues in the NBA. These games mean nothing, and players sleepwalk through the first three quarters before exerting any effort to win the game. You'll likely be asleep before they get there.

WORLD SERIES Tampa Bay at Philadelphia

7:30 p.m. Fox
You think Chicago weather is crappy. It's taken three days to complete one game in Philly. No wonder Tampa Bay plays in a dome.

NBA Phoenix at San Antonio

7 p.m. ESPN
Remember the Alamo! Ozzy Osbourne does—or maybe he doesn't.

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers

9:30 p.m. ESPN
It's the battle for L.A. Kobe vs. someone for the Clippers. Phil Jackson vs. the Clippers coach. OK, so it's a one-sided affair.

HOMETOWN HITS



The Bears signed fullback Jed Collins to replace Jason Davis on the practice squad. The 6-foot-1, 255-pound Collins is a rookie free agent out of Washington State who spent the first seven weeks of the season on Philadelphia's practice squad.



The Blackhawks released ticket information to their season ticker-holders Tuesday for the Winter Classic on Jan. 1 at Wrigley Field. There are three prices for tickets—\$75, \$225 and \$325—for the outdoor game that is expected to be one of the most sought-after tickets for a regular-season game in Chicago sports history.



NEXT GAME vs. Providence
7 p.m.
Wednesday



A former University of Illinois men's gymnastics coach resigned Oct. 17 because of personal issues, including a pending drunken-driving charge in Wisconsin, and is cooperating with an investigation into a video camera found in a locker room, his attorney said Tuesday.

COPS AND JOCKS

Athletes can't seem to stay out of trouble, and we can't seem to look away.

Jones talks after release

Disgraced track star Marion Jones will give her first post-prison interview on Wednesday's "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Jones was released Sept. 5 from a Texas federal prison after completing most of her six-month sentence for lying about steroid use.

HIT AND RUN



Webber



Payton

All-Stars join NBA TV

Former All-Stars Chris Webber and Gary Payton will serve as studio analysts for NBA TV this season. Steve Smith and Eric Snow also will be analysts on the network's programming.

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Amount the New York Jets earned in an online auction of personal seat licenses.

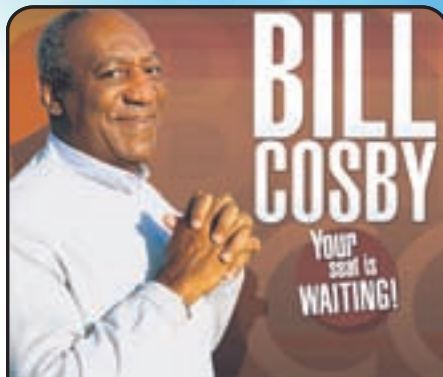
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Sneak preview

Experiencing Halloween overload? You won't find a shred of spooky decor at **Stay** (111 W. Erie St. 312-475-0816), the tucked-away late-night lounge from the owners of Manor and RiNo, when it opens for a sneak preview on Halloween night. 11 p.m.

Party with us

Good and evil collide at **Heroes & Villains**, Metromix's very own Halloween bash. Pose for a photo in front of a comic book background to get in on a costume contest awarding a weekend getaway, Bulls tickets and more. Includes a three-hour food and drink package with call liquor, domestic drafts and Kryptonite Punch. 9 p.m. \$30. Tickets: signmeup.com/62215. Harry Caray's Tavern, 3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800.



Freaky Friday

Keep the party going all weekend long! Log onto metromix.com for more Halloween events throughout the weekend.

Kick off your Halloween with these spooky soirees

By Lisa Arnett

The calendar gods have smiled down upon us: Halloween is on a Friday this year. To kick off a weekend of revelry, we checked in with bars that opened within the past year to see what they have up their sleeves for their first Halloween on Oct. 31.

The 8th Annual Black i Ball at Cat's Meow

Dress like a Dead Ringer—that is, the evil version of yourself or anyone else—for this bash. Owner Arman Razavi has thrown the Black i Ball since 2000 (most recently at Green Dolphin Street for the past four years), and this year moved it to his own turf. DJ Mazi and the Bedrume DJs spin, plus win \$500 in the midnight costume contest. 5 p.m. No cover. 2700 W. Chicago Ave. 773-489-6998.

Dancefloor Massacre at Angels & Kings

Hometown DJ duo E-Six & Roan manipulate video and music in a live A/V set at this rocking River North bar. Sip on \$5 Effen cocktails and spooky shots such as the Fright Bite and Fang Bang, made with Venom energy drink and cherry or grape vodka, respectively. Hint: Dressing as co-owner Pete Wentz probably won't get you in the door faster than anyone else. 8 p.m. No cover. 710 N. Clark St. 312-482-8600.

Devil's Night at The Libertine

Eerie decorations amp up the macabre vibe at this already gothic-looking Lincoln Park bar. Sip on \$5 vodka drinks or buy into a \$35 bar package including well drinks and domestic beer (9 p.m.-midnight). Vie for a best costume prize of \$200 while DJs man the decks. 8 p.m. No cover. 1615 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-654-1782.

Vampires' Ball at The Zoo

Dress as a vampire for priority entry at this just-opened Wrigleyville lounge, where you can tip back \$3 Absolut True Blood shots while DJs spin club and hip hop. The winner of the Sexiest Vampire Contest (or as the promotional flyer reads, "Sexist Vampire Contest") takes home \$500. 9 p.m. No cover. 3369 N. Clark St. 773-697-4511.

Troma Party at The Whistler

Head to this Logan Square hang for a bash inspired by Troma, the low-budget production company behind horror movies such as "Toxic Avenger." Movie characters wander the bar while DJ Paul Bearer spins classic horror movie soundtracks. Sip on \$2 PBRs or chilling cocktails (\$8) such as Blood & Sand or Rosemary's Baby. 9 p.m. No cover. 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530.

Studio 51 at Hub 51

This River North hot spot does the time warp with a Studio 54 theme and disco beats by DJ Konzept. The best disco costumes win surprise loot, so break out the bright-hued suits and sequins. No cover; table reservations required for basement lounge Sub 51. 10 p.m. 51 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-0051.

Halloween Bash at Bottom Lounge

King Khan and the BBQ Show play this triple-threat bash celebrating Halloween, the six-month anniversary of this bar's reopening and six years since its original debut. Also includes special guests The Goblins, CoCoComa and Women. 9 p.m. \$12-\$15. Tickets online: bottomlounge.com. 1375 Lake St. 312-666-6775.

1920s Speakeasy Party at In Fine Spirits Lounge

Utter the password "Albuquerque" to enter this 1920s theme soiree in Andersonville, featuring Prohibition-era cocktails. Stick around for a midnight costume contest. 7 p.m. No cover. 5420 N. Clark St. 773-334-9463.

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'Good'

wed 29 Take a 'Good' look

Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Drive.

The Chicago International Film Festival draws to a celeb-studded close with the U.S. premiere of Vicente Amorim's drama "Good." It all begins on the red carpet, where the director and stars Viggo Mortensen and Jason Isaacs arrive at 6 p.m.; festivities continue at 7 p.m. as Mortensen receives a career achievement award before the film screening. \$30-\$40. Tickets: chicagofilmfestival.com

CUFF links

The Viaduct, 3111 N. Western Ave. 773-296-6024.

On the heels of the Chicago International Film Festival comes another celebration of celluloid, albeit one with a lower profile. The **15th Annual Chicago Underground Film Festival (CUFF)** showcases more than 100 films from around the world during its five-day residence. See documentaries, experimental works and short movies, including Wednesday's opening-night feature, the 2008 Sundance-winning "Anywhere, USA." 7:30 p.m. Through Sunday. \$20 opening-night ticket includes an afterparty at Beat Kitchen. Tickets: cuff.org

thu 30 Rock candy

The Original Mother's, 26 W. Division St. 312-642-7251.

We doubt there's a 2008 music biz equivalent to last year's Amy Winehouse, but if there is, the **Rock of Ages Costume Ball** is your destination. Dress up as your favorite musician for a chance to win \$1,000 cash as Ryan Manno of WKQX (101.1-FM) hosts the bar's 40th anniversary/pre-Halloween blowout. 7 p.m. \$5.

fri 31 Continental drift

Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Drive. 312-334-7777.

After a three-year hiatus, **DanceAfrica** returns to Chicago. The 2008 program, "A West African Odyssey," features performances from Asase Yaa African American Dance Theater, poetry and dance troupe Giwayen Mata, and Chicago's own Andrea Kelly Dance Theater. 8 p.m. \$25-\$54. Tickets: harristheaterchicago.org

sat 1 Market fresh

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Drive. 773-880-1266.

Cold weather does not a happy shopper make. Unless the destination has a bounty of locally farmed organic fruits and veggies, baked goods and traditional holiday foods and wreaths. Sound familiar? It's the **Green City Winter Market**, kicking off its cold-weather residence beneath a tent on the museum's north side. 8 a.m. Through Dec. 20.

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Amitav Ghosh:

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August's George Djurovic
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Going off-menu

Tired of the same old dinner routine? Try one of these non-traditional dining options

By Mindy Yahr

You've dropped enough dough at the cafe on the corner to send the owner's kids to college. Your monthly credit card bill arrives with seven charges from that little bistro down the street. The hostess at the steakhouse near work knows you by name. Sounds like you're stuck in a dining rut—or maybe you're not looking in the right places. From grocery stores to underground dining clubs, these five options will shake up your usual restaurant routine.

August

1500 W. Division St. 773-252-9560

How it works: George Djurovic, who's logged kitchen time at fine dining destinations such as Tru (676 N. St. Clair St. 312-202-0001), gets back to his roots once a month when he transforms his Wicker Park grocery store into an after-hours dinner party. Guests can watch the former restaurant chef cook his contemporary American fare in the open kitchen before chowing down on dishes like squash ravioli in parmesan broth with leek green foam and braised lamb with roasted monkfish and carrot puree.

Your dining companions:

Young professionals and the food obsessed

How to get in: Call two weeks in advance. August takes reservations up to the day before the meal, but calling early should guarantee you one of the 30 seats.

Cost: \$75 for seven courses. BYOB.

Next up: First week of December

Clandestino

Various locations

How it works: Chef Efrain Cuervas, the force behind this community dining project, focuses his thematic dinner parties on sustainable products and bringing people together. Dinners usually are held at private apartments and can accommodate 25-30 people but occasionally travel to less traditional spaces such as art galleries. Cuervas' upcoming Cook the Vote event will feature dishes tied to each candidate (think Baked Alaska for Sarah Palin) and healthy political debate.

Your dining companions: A mix of hardcore foodies, college students and out-of-towners

How to get in: Sign up for the mailing list at clandestinodining.com to receive e-mails about upcoming events. E-mails link to a registration page.

Cost: \$50-\$85. The Cook the Vote election dinner is \$50 for four courses. BYOB.

Next up: 7 p.m. Sunday

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Sinha

How it works: Every Sunday Jorgina Pereira opens her West Side home and invites guests to experience her authentic Brazilian cuisine. Vegetarian, fish and chicken dishes abound, but feijoada, a rich stew of black beans, rice, collard greens and pork, takes center stage. After you've cleaned your plate, join the entertainment—samba dancers—for a free lesson.

Your dining companions:

A diverse crowd, with guests frequently hailing from as far away as Atlanta, New York and Washington, D.C.

How to get in: Call a week ahead for reservations: 312-491-8200.

Cost: \$30, including live entertainment. BYOB.

Next up: Sunday. Seatings at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Wellfleet

4423 N. Elston Ave. 773-283-7400

How it works: Friday nights, Bill Dugan serves up a unique menu inspired by his Albany Park seafood shop, The Fishguy Market. Using only seafood flown in the morning of the meal, chefs Leo Barriso and David Radom serve courses like lobster with tangerine butter, and caviar and salmon belly with cauliflower mousse and creme fraiche. Peter Yuen of La Patisserie P (1052-52 W. Argyle St.) creates the dessert.

Your dining companions:

Everyone from wine tasting club

members to Nobel Prize winners, though the usual crowd consists of Fishguy regulars and curious locals

How to get in: Call a week ahead to reserve one of 12 coveted spots and make sure you have a credit card on hand—prepayment is required.

Cost: \$100 for 4-5 courses, including tax and tip. BYOB.

Next up: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Bonsoiree

2728 W. Armitage Ave. 773-486-7511

How it works: What began as a roving dinner party between apartments is now Bonsoiree's Saturday "underground dinner," where guests can reserve a spot to sample items not on the restaurant's regular menu. Chefs Luke Creagan and Shin Thompson keep with the Logan Square spot's contemporary American theme in dishes such as zucchini and roasted yellow pepper soup, and sweet and sour sweetbreads with cucumber, sesame and thyme.

Your dining companions:

Foodies and wine buffs

How to get in: Sign up at bon-soiree.com to receive a new "underground" menu each week. If you're interested, call to reserve a spot right away—there are only 26 seats in the dining room.

Cost: \$65 for five courses, excluding tax, tip and a \$5 per bottle corkage fee. BYOB.

Next up: Saturday



Bonsoiree chef Shin Thompson
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Wed.: Half-price bottles of wine; 4729 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-989-5595.

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HOP HAUS

4-7 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$5 appetizers; 646 N. Franklin St. 312-467-4287.

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6 p.m. Wed.: Wine and Dine for Justice. Sample wine and appetizers at this inaugural benefit bash for the Justice Project Against Sexual Harm (Justice PASH). \$100-\$120; 694 N. Milwaukee Ave. 847-424-0300.

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5 p.m. Wed.-Sat.: \$5 pizzas in the bar and lounge; Wed.-Sat.: \$58

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5:30 p.m. Wed.-Thu.: \$25 three-course tasting menu; 4832 N. Broadway. 773-293-4653.

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6 p.m. Thu.: One Year Anniversary Celebration. In honor of the location's former life, revisit the prohibition era with live swing-jazz music, a vintage car display, a dance performance and lessons. Includes appetizers and select wine, beer and cocktails. Flapper and bootlegger costumes strongly encouraged. \$50-\$75; 2110 S. Wabash Ave. 312-328-1198.

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CORTLAND'S GARAGE

\$3 Bud and Bud Light bottles, \$4 import bottles, \$5 Ketel One cocktails; 1645 W. Cortland St. 773-862-7877.

CROBAR

Tropical Wednesdays. DJs spin salsa, club and reggaeton 10 p.m. \$10; 1543 N. Kingsbury St. 312-266-1900.

EVIL OLIVE

\$6 20-ounce Stella bombs, DJs spin. \$5; 1551 W. Division St. 773-235-9100.

FIZZ BAR & GRILL

9 p.m.: The Comedians You Should Know Show. A rotating roster

of six comics perform stand-up each week. \$6-\$8. Tickets and participating comics: comedians youshouldknow.com; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

GALLERY CABARET

\$3 Alpha King and Newcastle drafts, Kate Parker hosts The Callback 8-9 p.m.; 2020 N. Oakley Ave. 773-489-5471.

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7 p.m.: "America's Next Top Model" viewing party. \$5 wraps and glasses of wine, plus \$3 lemon drop shots; 3032 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-9900.

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\$2 mini-corn dog baskets (4-7 p.m.), \$3 Miller High Life drafts;

678 N. Orleans St. 312-664-5496.

HIDDEN SHAMROCK

9 p.m.: Haunted Mic Halloween Party. Six bands, including Your Little Ponies, Mark Jourdan, Pete Greenwood and others, play live scary tunes. Also features games and prizes. No cover; 2723 N. Halsted St. 773-883-0304.

HYDRATE

\$4 Stoli cocktails, Stoli bombs and Corona bottles, Hy-Drag Revue 10 p.m.; 3458 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244.

JUNIOR'S

SPORTS LOUNGE

Half-price appetizers, \$5 mojitos and select martinis; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

NIGHTCRAWLERS

Behind bars

Acting like animals? Not really. Bargoers behaved themselves during a fairly tame opening weekend at animal-themed Wrigleyville bar **The Zoo** (3369 N. Clark St. 773-697-4511). Expect small music and comedy acts to take the leopard print-backed stage here, plus DJ sets on the weekends.

Head to metromix.com for more photos and the scoop on newly opened and coming-soon bars and restaurants.



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Free wing buffet (4-7 p.m.), \$2 domestic bottles; 2251 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-5100.

MATISSE

\$4 chocolate martinis, half-price glasses and bottles of wine, \$4 Berghoff Oktoberfest drafts, \$5 Jager bombs; 674 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-528-6670.

MULLEN'S BAR AND GRILL

25 cent wings, \$2 Miller and Bud bottles; 7301 N. Western Ave. 773-465-2113.

PLAN B

\$1 Bud Light drafts, half-price appetizers and bottles of wine, Chris Grant of Trippin' Billies hosts open mic 9 p.m. No cover; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

POAG MAHONE'S

\$3 Bud Light pints, \$6 glasses of sangria, half-price spinach artichoke dip and chips and salsa (3 p.m.); 333 S. Wells St. 312-566-9100.

REGGIE'S MUSIC JOINT

Half-price appetizers, Stoli cocktails and Stella and Hoegaarden drafts, \$4 American Honey lemonades, \$5 Long Island iced teas and margaritas; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

RISQUE CAFE

\$2 PBR tallboys, \$6 bottomless plates of mac 'n' cheese, live rock; 3419 N. Clark St. 773-525-7711.

SHEFFIELD'S

7 p.m.: Beer and Pie Pairing. Sample slices of banana cream, maple-pumpkin and apple, each matched with a brew. \$15; 3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989.

SPIN

\$1 well drinks, wine and domestic drafts, VJs Riley York and Bryan, DJ Chris Eterno spins. \$5; 800 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-7711.

THE SPOT

Half-price bottles of wine, \$10 all-you-can-eat wings, karaoke 9 p.m. No cover; 4437 N. Broadway. 773-728-8934.

SUITE LOUNGE

\$4 Dos Equis bottles, \$6 Ketel One cocktails, \$7 Three Olives grape bombs; 1446 N. Wells St. 312-787-6103.

SUSHISAMBA RIO

9 p.m.: Ginza Tropicalia. DJ Ed M spins 10 p.m.; No cover; 504 N. Wells St. 312-595-2300.

THE TASTING ROOM

Free appetizers 6-8 p.m.; 1415 W. Randolph St. 312-942-1313.

TRADER TODD'S

\$2 menu (4-7 p.m.), \$3 drafts; 3216 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-975-8383.

UNCLE FATTY'S RUM RESORT

Twister contest 7-9 p.m., dueling pianos 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; \$3 Bud and Bud Lights, \$5 Bacardi cocktails, \$20 swamp waters; 2833 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-477-3661.

CELTIC CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE

\$4 Guinness, Bass and black 'n' tan drafts, \$12 domestic table tappers, half-price Harp drafts and select cocktails, pub trivia 7:30 p.m.; 4301 N. Western Ave. 773-588-1110.

Random Acts of Greatness

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things we're loving this week

» **Black Magic** (that's Guinness and Magic Hat #9) is the new Black & Tan. Grab a pint for \$4.50 at T's Restaurant & Bar (5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000).

» **Healthy hangover cure** delivered straight to your door: vegetable fried rice (\$7.95) and miso soup (\$2.95) from trendy Evanston spot Koi Chinese and Sushi (624 Davis St. 847-866-6969), which delivers as far south as Devon Avenue in Rogers Park, for \$2.50. Wrigleyville residents can take advantage of the same deal from Koi's older sister, Chen's Chinese and Sushi (3506 N. Clark St. 773-549-9100).

» Sugared-out bliss at its best: Two **chocolate-chip cookies** with vanilla or chocolate buttercream frosting sandwiched in the middle (\$2.50), courtesy of Lakeview bakery Sensational Bites (3751 N. Southport Ave. 773-248-2271).

» While the Art Institute's **After Dark** event this past Friday sold out well in advance, the featured exhibit from Henri Cartier-Bresson is on display until Jan. 4 (111 S. Michigan Ave. 312-443-3600). The next mix 'n' mingle After Dark event is scheduled for Jan. 23.

» The guaranteed cure for it's-getting-cold-outside blues: "**Happy-Go-Lucky**," Mike Leigh's joyful exploration of optimism in a pessimistic world. Go see it!

**Join the randomness!**

What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness. You might just spot your pick in a future issue.

VINES ON CLARK

\$3 Bacardi cocktails, \$3 Sam Adams drafts; 3554 N. Clark St. 773-327-8572.

WESTEND BAR & GRILL

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Madison St. 312-981-7100.

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Cealed Kasket (from left): Maurice Pearlman, Mortal Death, Sarsicus and Scott Jackson
CHASE AGNELLO-DEAN FOR METROMIX

Costume drama

Every day is Halloween for local metal rockers Cealed Kasket

By Lisa Balde

They talk in sketchy English accents, wear fake blood-splattered robes onstage and swear they're either 300 years old or eternally 49. But ever since fans of Chicago metal band Cealed Kasket began calling themselves Kasketeers a few years ago and showing up to concerts with swords (the group promotes fighting among audience members), the band's shtick has been less an act than an identity—not to mention a pretty decent entry point into their music, a heavier and slightly less goofy version of Spinal Tap's metal chops.

"Without America's label of 'joke band,' they wouldn't be able to take us into their family rooms," says singer Mortal Death (real name: Joshua Shenk) in a particularly boisterous English brogue. "Call us what you will, but Cealed Kasket will never die."

So maybe it's a faux identity, but Cealed Kasket never pretended to take themselves seriously. We met Mortal Death and "supernatural" bassist Maurice Pearlman (Mike Davidov) in their Wicker Park 'hood at Estelle's—where the clientele usually doesn't include foul-mouthed ghouls who show up in makeup and wigs and demand PBRs from the

"bar wench"—to talk about Halloween, magic tricks and their annual Martyrs' show.

You're doing a three-show Halloween tour. What's in store for Martyrs' on the 31st?

Mortal Death: We are going to have explosions, not of your fire, but of ... what's the word I'm looking for? Of tremendous proportions! ... We're also bringing back

what made us the greatest and most controversial band, and that is you, the fans! We're bringing you backstage for an autograph session—the first 50 fans who come through Martyrs'.

Maurice Pearlman: I haven't seen him in like four weeks, so I don't know any of this.

So are these costumes?

MD: What we currently are wearing? How can this be a costume when it costs tens of thousands of dollars?

MP: You know, where we come from, we would be laughing at how silly you look. But I stopped doing that. I'm above that now.

MD: They snicker, they sneer. But I've been reading up on some witchcraft, myself. I know a couple of spells that I can cast as a

human. I've learned about a spell called the Shut Up Spell. I haven't done it, but it could happen. I've learned another spell called Wild Turkey, which is a really effective spell when you want to get the wheels rolling.

Wild Turkey? What does it do?

MD: The Wild Turkey [bourbon] appears and we drink, we consume. You know, I don't do these spells as party tricks. It's like a ninja would use his skills in emergency situations.

When was the last time you used one?

MD: Last party we were at. We had to get these [ladies] all tanked.

If you don't have a show, do you dress up for Halloween?

MD: Well, the dressing up thing got a little passé. We just kind of took it in stride. Our

everyday lives are Halloween.

And, um, you're the only human in the band?

MD: True. Born human, raised human. ...

The way I like to tell the rest of this story is I'm a lot like the Messiah, and the stars led the three dumbest people on the face of the Earth [to] the greatest being possible.

MP: Led us right to him.

You're known for staging fights and doing some pretty crazy things during shows. Any new tricks up your sleeves these days?

MD: Sarsicus [our wizard guitarist] has been known to levitate.

MP: I've learned to turn sand to cocaine, right on stage. It really saves a lot of time before the show.

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Chicago personality test (Halloween edition)

Scariest place in the city:

Mortal Death: Field Museum! Field Museum (1400 S. Lake Shore Drive)!
Maurice Pearlman: Margie's Candies (1960 N. Western Ave.). Or maybe Berlin (954 W. Belmont Ave.).

Best place to party on Halloween:

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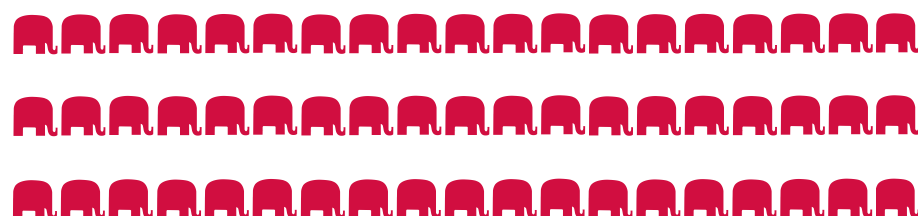
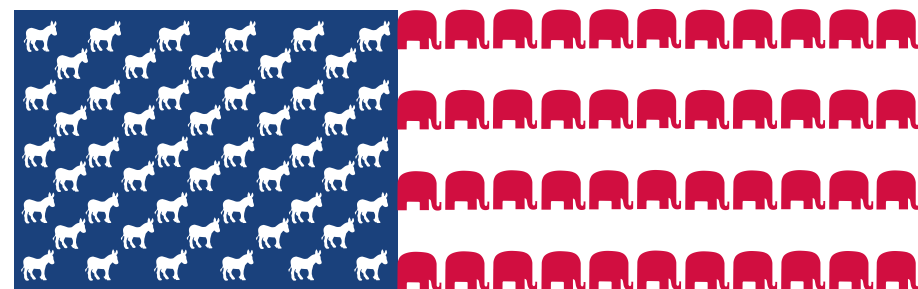


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Guide to online shopping

According to a Nielsen survey, more than 875 million people worldwide have shopped online—a 40 percent increase in just two years. Even if you're sick of e-tailers' e-mail blasts, you still need to keep current on deals. So to help you beat the masses to the merchandise, here are some tips from online apparel e-tailers. **L.A. TIMES, REDEYE**

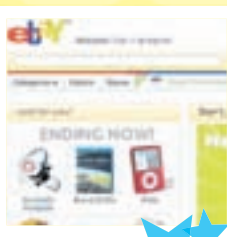
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Set your alarm clock and brew some coffee, because hard-core fans of this site, which serves up discounted designer goods, know that 250 new items are posted at precisely 5:31 a.m. every day. And limber up that clicking finger, because really hot items can sell out quick. The entire Web site gets updated once a week, typically Wednesday mornings. That means all seasonal launches will happen on Wednesdays too.



eBay at ebay.com »

The best way to improve your odds at this online auction site is to look for listings that expire at odd hours (think rush hour, dinner time or late night), when your competitors are likely to be off their game. Also, shop on Sundays. And don't be afraid to search the site for "Tom Frod" sunglasses. Failure to spell-check could mean failure to find for most prospective buyers—and that could mean a bargain find for the sleuth.



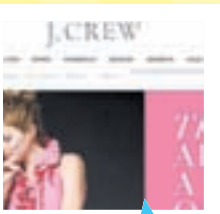
« Intuition at shopintuition.com

Although the site updates new merchandise 24/7, Tuesday is the best day to revisit the site. "Monday night we clean up the inventory from the weekend, and Tuesday morning the bulk of the new stuff has gone up," says Intuition owner Jaye Hersh.



J. Crew at jcrew.com »

The Crew crew uses the unlimited real estate of cyberspace to serve up additional shoe sizes (as small as a 5½ and as large as a 12), clothing at both ends of the size ranges and a choice of exclusive products across the board.



« Net-a-Porter at www.net-a-porter.com

This U.K.-based site uploads about 200 new products first thing Wednesday mornings, London time. Spring merchandise starts hitting the site in December, and fall starts showing up as early as June.



Shopbop at shopbop.com »

This popular site for contemporary women's clothing updates its inventory every morning at 5 a.m., with e-mail blasts going out to subscribers the night before.



OTHER ONLINE SITES

Archive at archivevintage.com: One of the best-looking vintage stores online (with big designer names).

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E-mail

E-tailers try to lure shoppers with e-mail blasts, but enough is enough

Associated Press

Online retailers—grappling with a sharp drop in consumer spending from even their most gung-ho Web enthusiasts—are becoming pushier with e-mails that pitch the latest deals.

With pleas like, "Last chance to save 20 percent," or "Hurry, final sale ends," retailers from pure online players to land-based stores with a Web presence are hoping to get consumers to open their wallets—quickly and in a cost-effective way.

Ann Taylor Stores' recent e-mails promote knit tops as low as \$9.99, while Saks Fifth Avenue's e-mail messages tout up to 60 percent off on new women's fashions. But such attempts to pump up sales threaten to drive away shoppers, who may already be starting to get bleary-eyed over the bombardment.

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And if consumers are fed up with the e-mail blasts now, just wait until the holiday season gets under way—with merchants expecting to increase the pace as they do whatever they can to make their sales goals.

"I find them annoying," said Cory Porter, a Web shopping fan from Washington, D.C., who says he now receives about seven per day, twice as many as about two months ago. He had signed up with about nine retailers including Barneys New York, Banana Republic and Safeway to receive e-mail promotions, but thought they would be customized to his needs.

"I am a 32-year-old guy who lives in an urban area with no kids," Porter said. "In other words, I don't need blouses, high heels, or kids' juice boxes." As a result, he's opted out with some stores, directing the rest to his spam account.

The frenetic pace of offers comes as Web shopping—which had held up better in the slowing economy than store-based retailing—has been starting to slow dramatically since the financial meltdown intensified in September.

Sucharita Mulpuru, an analyst at Internet research company Forrester Research, expects online retailers to fare better than regular stores this holiday season because of the convenience, the breadth of selection and the perceived value. But "there is definitely a significant slowing down" in online shopping.

Amazon.com, considered the bellwether of Web shopping, announced last week that it was slashing its full-year sales outlook, saying it had slower growth rates near the end of the quarter and now expects annual revenue below analyst expectations.

Porter, who does public relations for government contractors, noted that he slashed his spending on clothing and gadgets to \$200 this month amid "all the economic uncertainty." That compares with the \$500 per month he had been spending. He said he typically does about half of his buying on the Web.

Internet Retailer's recent survey of 174 Web retailers, including those that operate stores, found that nearly half have increased the number of monthly e-mails they send compared with a year ago. Chad White, director of retail insights for the Email Experience Council, the e-mail marketing arm of the DMA, reports an 8 percent increase in the number of e-mails stores have sent for the week ended Oct. 17, compared with the same week a year earlier.

Julie Katz, another Forrester analyst, expects that stores may pull back on e-mail campaigns after the holiday season; she added such programs still cost companies a "chunk of change" given the millions of e-mails they send out.

"Consumers just don't have the dollars," she said. "The reality is going to sink in."

E-mail pros and cons

Retailers, faced with a sharp drop in sales, are getting more aggressive about sending out e-mails touting their latest discounts. Consumers should expect to be bombarded with even more e-mail deals as the holiday season gets under way in earnest. **AP**



STORES' LOVE AFFAIR WITH E-MAIL

Forrester Research, an Internet research

company, predicts that retailers and wholesalers will send 158 billion marketing e-mails this year; that's expected to increase 63 percent to 258 billion in 2013.



FAST & COST-EFFECTIVE

Retailers have embraced e-mail campaigns because they can

quickly grab shoppers in a cost-effective way. Julie Katz, a Forrester Research analyst, estimates that it costs about \$2 for every thousand e-mails sent. The Direct Marketers Association estimates that marketers reap \$45.06 in return on investment for every dollar they spend on e-mail campaigns. That compares with \$7.28 for catalogs and \$15.55 for direct mail pieces.



THE DOWNSIDE

Americans are growing fatigued with e-mail campaigns that keep cluttering their mailboxes. Forrester says it's finding that consumers say they receive too many e-mail promotions and are beginning to use e-mail less in favor of other texting and social networking sites.

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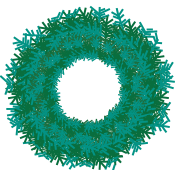
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MCT FILE

Oats can power up your health

Detroit News

What is it about oatmeal that people love to hate?

Many people just consider it a big bowl of goo that's good for you, and that's the end of it. But oatmeal doesn't deserve the bum's rush, and here's why.

Have you had your cholesterol checked lately?

More than 40 studies show that the soluble fiber in oats helps lower the LDL, or "bad" cholesterol, and reduce the risk of heart disease.

According to Quaker, which began milling oats in the late 1800s, all it takes is ¾ cup of oatmeal each day to help lower cholesterol while maintaining the good cholesterol that your body needs. And in January 1997, the Food and Drug Administration announced that oatmeal could carry a label saying it may reduce the risk of heart disease when combined with a low-fat diet.

OK, sure it's a healthy breakfast, but used in other ways, oatmeal can enhance a variety of dishes from meatloaf to cookies. Oatmeal is the backbone of granola and energy bars, and bakes into a great bread, adds a blast of goodness to the morning smoothie and makes a great topping for a fruit crisp or coffee cake.

Just as toast is merely a piece of browned bread, oatmeal without the trimmings can indeed be bland. But add some brown sugar, maple syrup or vanilla extract, some fresh or dried fruit and a dollop of flavored or plain yogurt, and oatmeal can be as inviting as an

ALL ABOUT OATS

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‘Mystery Science Theater’ gets boxed

The Fresno Bee

Fans of the cable series “Mystery Science Theater 3000” can get into heated discussions about who was the best host of the show: Joel or Mike.

Those passionate beliefs are in the behind-the-scenes feature included in the boxed DVD set “Mystery Science Theater 3000: 20th Anniversary Edition” that hit stores Tuesday. Individual episodes have been released before on DVD but not as a boxed set.

The series started in 1988 on local TV in Minneapolis-St. Paul before moving to the Comedy Channel (now Comedy Central) in 1989 and then to the Sci Fi Channel in 1997. There were 198 episodes and one feature film produced from 1988-1999.

Joel Hodgson, the show’s creator, left the show in 1993. The story at that time was that Hodgson wanted to do other projects. But that’s not true, Hodgson says.

“I really didn’t want to go. But at the time I was having creative differences with Jim Mallon,” Hodgson said recently. Mallon, like everyone involved with the show, also was a contributing partner and voice talent.

Hodgson’s biggest goal, once he decided to leave, was to figure out a way to keep the show going even without him. He and other show creators owned the series.

The series continued with head writer Mike Nelson as the new on-screen human host.

And the show’s fans have talked about who was best host ever since.



Those discussions aren’t a priority for Hodgson; he tells fans who ask that Mike was the better host. He’s just happy that a show about a human trapped on a spaceship with a group of robots made from spare parts, who all shout funny lines at bad movies, has been such a hit.

Hodgson and the cast, during the first few years, never saw the movie they were verbally attacking until they filmed the episode.

“The show ended up being kind of its own comedy art form. We had free rein to fill it with all manner of ideas....,” Hodgson said. “Of course there was no stress on a particular joke being funny because we were working anonymously.”

Mystery Science Theater 3000: 20th Anniversary Edition

DVD set, \$69.99

Human hosts Joel Hodgson and Mike Nelson, plus their robot pals, return in an encore of the show about men and machines lost in space who spend their time trashing awful movies with hilarious commentary. Packaged in a tin case, the four-disc set has four episodes from the series, with the gang mouthing off about the B-movies “First Spaceship on Venus,” “Laserblast,” “Werewolf” and “Future War.” The set comes with cast and crew interviews and a figurine of Crow the robot. **AP**



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Nintendo's Wii Music invites players to pick up their wireless remotes and strum, toot, bang and drum their way through improvisational jam sessions using more than 60 virtual instruments on which there can be no wrong notes, no mistakes.

But soon after strolling into this supposed happy, feel-good musical world of personal interpretation, my family and I found the experience felt more like a random noise session powered by excessive flailing motions.

Wii Music is rated "E" for "Everyone," and many of the game's publicity shots show adults having a blast. But I can't see anyone

older than 9 deciding to cozy up to it for an extended period of time.

The biggest problem is the music. The song selection is horrid, bouncing between childhood classics such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Yankee Doodle" and Nintendo game themes from "The Legend of Zelda" and "Super Mario Bros." And when you finally open up some more modern tunes such as "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go" or "Every Breath You Take," the arrangements don't come close to doing the songs justice.

Younger children might enjoy some of what "Wii Music" offers, but adults and kids who have hit double digits would be better off passing on this one. **DIRK LAMMERS, AP**



Fable II
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Fable II delivers a living, breathing world filled with adventure. It's not perfect, but it is one of the most absorbing experiences you can have on an XB360. Your first choice is simple: Do you want to play as a boy or a girl? Then you're dumped on the snowy streets of a Dickensian town called Bowerstone, where you and your sister, Rose, scrounge for coins. After rescuing a puppy and cranking up a magic music box, you and Rose are summoned by the mysterious Lord Lucien—who promptly murders Rose and tries to kill you.

Fable II doesn't have the most original plot. It often feels like a potpourri of elements from every fantasy epic you've ever

read, from "The Odyssey" and "The Arabian Nights" to "The Lord of the Rings" and the Harry Potter series. But genre fans are just as likely to appreciate the references as to be annoyed by them.

More problematic, the combat is a bit simplistic: You press one button for melee attacks (swords, axes), one button for ranged attacks (guns, crossbows) and one button for magic. Likewise, most of the dungeons are a little too straightforward for battle-hardened role-playing fans.

But I really got sucked into the world of Fable II. It doesn't reinvent the RPG, but it does make the genre accessible to newcomers while providing more than enough action to satisfy the most demanding aficionado. It's nearly irresistible. **LOU KESTEN, AP**



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Carve out a jack-o'-lantern

Stamford Advocate

Scary or fun, disturbing or whimsical, intricate or simple, jack-o'-lanterns are apt symbols of Halloween. Here is a step-by-step guide to better carving.

Detailed steps

PREP

- » Have an idea of the design or bring a sketch to the pumpkin patch so that the purchased pumpkin fits the shape of the pattern.
- » Larger, less complicated designs work best.
- » If you are looking to create a unique face or design, look for pumpkins that are oddly shaped or have lumpy surfaces.
- » Make sure you have all the tools to complete your design before you start carving.
- » Create an uncluttered, clean area to carve.
- » Have an empty bowl or garbage nearby for disposal of discarded pieces and pulp.

CARVING

- » Scrape the pumpkin wall to about an inch thick to make it easier to carve.
- » For better control, put the pumpkin in a large bowl while carving.
- » Leave enough solid pumpkin at the base of the design to hide the candle or small battery-powered light.
- » Wait until the carving is finished before removing carved pieces. It will create a sturdier pumpkin during the carving process.
- » To remove carved pieces, push from the inside outward. Don't force them if they are difficult to remove. Go over each cut until the piece can be removed smoothly.

FINAL CREATION

- » Consider using a safe, battery-operated light

instead of a candle.

- » See how the pattern looks with light before returning to refine the design.
- » To preserve the pumpkin when it is not on display, wrap it in plastic wrap and put it in the refrigerator.
- » A shriveled pumpkin can be revived by soaking it in cold water for several hours. Before putting it back on display, drain it and pat it dry. This can be done several times to extend the life of the pumpkin.
- » To have your pumpkin design look its best, carve it one to two days before Halloween or a holiday party.

Basic steps

- » Cut a two-inch diameter hole in the top.
- » Scoop out the fiber so there is little to no pulp left inside. Replace the top.
- » Create the design using washable marker. Use cleaning wipes to erase mistakes.
- » Start with the fine detail work, cutting out the small pieces and the areas of intricate design. Use smaller, sharper tools to avoid big mistakes and work slowly.
- » Cut out bigger pieces. Round off the edges and clear out the inside.
- » Put in tealights. Light it and enjoy.

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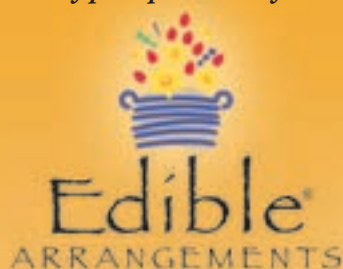
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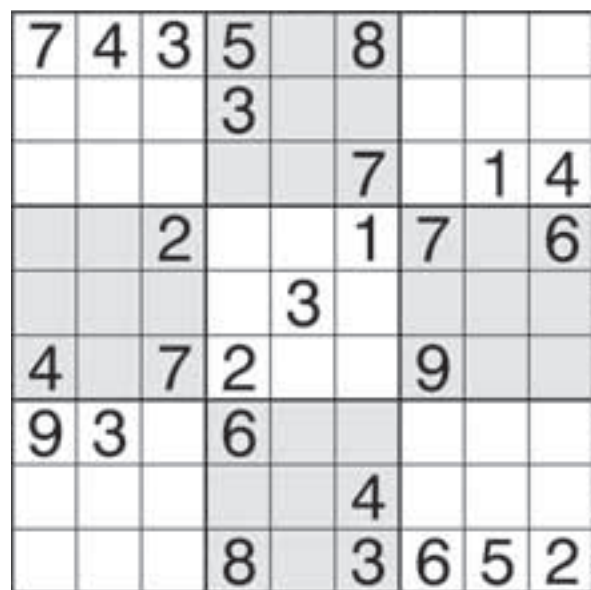
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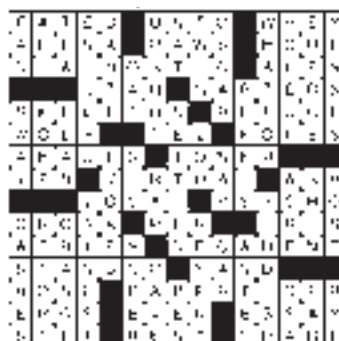
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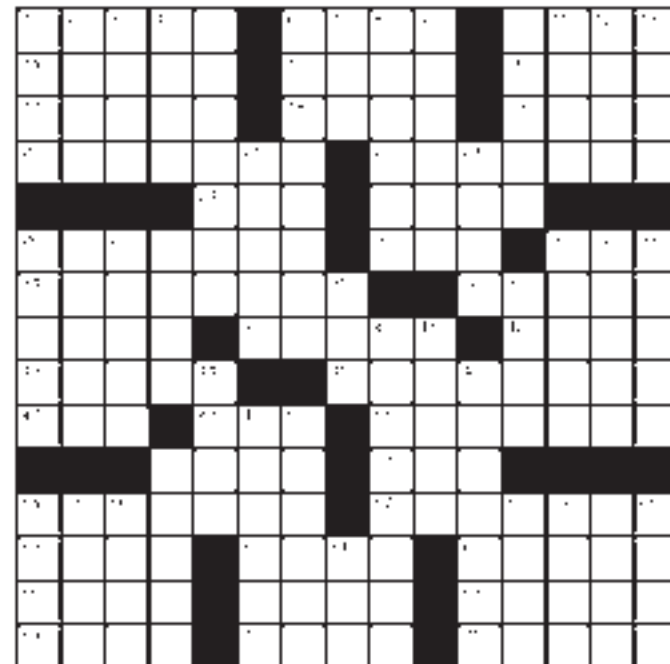


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- 26 Official investigation
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- 57 Passenger-comfort feature
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- 65 Cuban dance
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- 68 Spanish goodbye
- 69 Narrow cut
- 70 Cravings
- 71 Doles (out)

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The Jonas effect

What impact might Disney’s fave rock stars have on the Farrelly brothers’ work?

The squeaky clean Jonas Brothers have a dirty little project in the works—sorta.

Disney’s tween heartthrob rockers (and their little bro, Frankie) are slated to make their starring debut on the big screen with “Walter the Farting Dog,” Variety reports. Based on a best-selling chil-

dren’s book series, the movie is about exactly what it sounds like.

Interestingly, it could be a directing project for the Farrelly brothers, the trade paper reports. The same guys whose body of work includes such high-brow flicks as “Stuck on You,” “There’s Something

About Mary” and “Dumb and Dumber.” It’s safe to say a farting feature is in their wheelhouse.

So what might a Farrelly brothers movie featuring Nick, Joe and Kevin Jonas look like? To answer that, let’s take a glance at the Farrelly brothers’ past work—and “Jonas” each film up a little bit.

The Heartbreak Kid
ORIGINAL PLOT
Ben Stiller plays a newlywed who encounters the perfect woman on his honeymoon in this raunchy, R-rated romantic comedy.
JONASIFIED PLOT
The Jonas Brothers are newly dating high schoolers who encounter the perfect song on their spring break trip in a platonic, G-rated comedy.

Fever Pitch
ORIGINAL PLOT
An obsessive Red Sox fan (Jimmy Fallon) has to choose between baseball and a serious relationship with the woman he loves (Drew Barrymore).
JONASIFIED PLOT
The Jonas Brothers incessantly perform the national anthem at Fenway.

Me, Myself & Irene
ORIGINAL PLOT
A cop with multiple personality disorder (Jim Carrey) protects a woman on the run (Renee Zellweger) from an ex.
JONASIFIED PLOT
The Jonas Brothers go on a nationwide tour to showcase their multiple personalities: nice, agreeable, polite ...

There’s Something About Mary
ORIGINAL PLOT
A dude (Ben Stiller) reconnects with his dream girl from high school (Cameron Diaz), even though their first date was a disaster that included an infamous zipper malfunction.
JONASIFIED PLOT
The Jonas Brothers do a PSA about the dangers of tight, tight pants.

Kingpin
ORIGINAL PLOT
A washed up bowler (Woody Harrelson) who lost his hand searches for riches with a rag-tag group of acquaintances.
JONASIFIED PLOT
The Jonas Brothers keep all their hands, perform in bowling alleys across the country and rake in a bag full of riches.



BY JIM WALSH



Late-night smackdown

It's wasn't as polished as his Top 10 lists, but David Letterman used his interview with Lauren Conrad to take a few shots at the cast of "The Hills" this week. In case you missed it, here are highlights from Monday's broadcast.

ON CONRAD'S LONG-RUNNING "FEUD" WITH HEIDI MONTAG

» "That raises the question, maybe you're the problem. You think?"

AND "Let me give you an example from my own life. For a long time—10, 15, 30, 40 years—I thought, 'Jeez, people are idiots.' And then it occurred to me, 'Is it possible everybody's an idiot?' Maybe I'm the idiot."

ON SPENCER PRATT

"Spencer, what a weasel. He's just the worst, that guy."

ON BRODY JENNER

"Let me just tell you something about Brody. If there was no television, this guy would be living in a tree."

Take 2

Fall Out Boy is again trying to break a world record—this time for the most radio interviews by a pair within 24 hours. Earlier this year, the band failed to set the record for playing on all seven continents. So MTV asked Pete Wentz why he's so big into milestones. "I read the 'Guinness Book of World Records' front to back when I was 8, and I put it on a list of things to do in my head," he said in an e-mail.

Daddy's girl

It's official. The arrangement that puts Britney Spears' father in control of her personal and financial affairs has been made permanent by a court commissioner, The Associated Press reports. The commissioner granted Jamie Spears a permanent conservatorship over his daughter on Tuesday afternoon. A court-appointed attorney for Spears says the singer does not object to the arrangement.

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Agnes Mazurek



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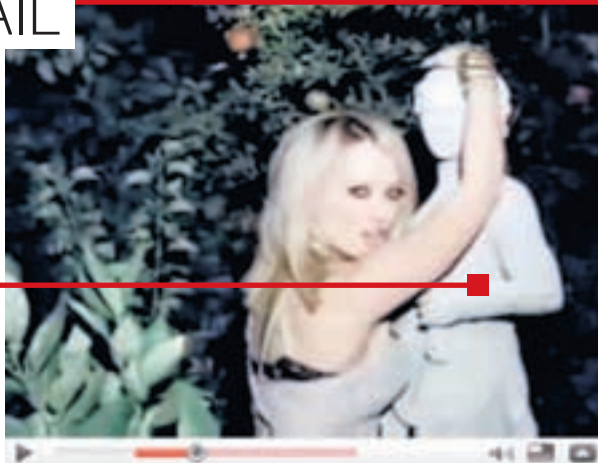
PASS/FAIL

PASS Keanu Reeves

He says he did NOT hit that paparazzo with his car.

PASS Hilary Duff's music video

"Reach Out" is sexy, but is she caressing a statue?



FAIL Jessica Simpson

Her "Major Movie Star" flick is No. 1 ... in Russia.

FAIL CBS' "The Ex List"

Yanked after four airings. Damn.

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Loose cannon



Bacon in the original "Footloose."

Zac Efron is getting "Footloose."

That's right, '80s purists: The "High School Musical 3" star is in talks to star in a new version of the Kevin Bacon classic, Variety reports. (OK, maybe it's not a classic. But it should be. And "Dirty Dancing" should've won best picture.)

Paramount plans to add "new songs that will complement some of the memorable original tunes" to the remake, according to Variety.

The studio no doubt noticed "HSM's" \$42 million haul last weekend in pitching the project as a starring vehicle for Efron.

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Efron
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Roberts
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Still sassy

Julia Roberts turned a fabulous 41 on Tuesday, but she's leaving the thigh-high boots in her past, "Extra" reports.

At a benefit for a charity of the late Paul Newman, the actress was asked if she'd consider a sequel to "Pretty Woman," in which she played a lady of the night. "No one wants to see an old hooker!" she told "Extra" on Monday. "Do they?" She hasn't lost that trademark spunk!



LL Cool J

Janet losing her Cool J

What's up with LL Cool J and Janet Jackson?

Reps for the hunky hip-hop star aren't spilling on why

he backed out on being Janet Jackson's opening act, after an initial (and vague) announcement on Monday that scheduling conflicts were to blame, **mtv.com** reports.

LL's exit is just the latest setback in Jackson's "Rock Witchu Tour," which was sidelined at least nine times earlier this month due to migraine-associated vertigo, according to MTV.



Biel

No plastic surgery for Jessica Biel

Jessica Biel is afraid, very afraid—of aging.

"I feel my knees changing—like, why do I have this pain

when I'm running on the treadmill?" the actress says tells British Marie Claire. "And I'm definitely fearful in a very vain manner about my body aging."

But plastic surgery probably isn't in Biel's future.

"I am really afraid of blades on my face," she says. "That freaks me out beyond belief. I would way rather have wrinkles than have some slice-up going on."

Oh, the hardships of being 26.

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That's how many copies of AC/DC's "Black Ice" were sold last week, pushing the band's latest effort to No. 1 on Billboard.

True or false?

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